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Subject: Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the  
deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure  
- Information from the Presidency

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Delegations will find in Annex an information note from the Presidency on the above-mentioned subject, which will be dealt with under "Any Other Business" at the meeting of the Council (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 14 March 2014.

**Information from the Presidency**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

1. On 25 January 2013, the Commission transmitted to the Council and the European Parliament the above mentioned proposal for a Directive.
2. The proposal in its up-to-date version aims at establishing a common framework of measures for the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure in the Union in order to minimise oil dependence and mitigate the environmental impact of transport. The proposal sets out minimum requirements on alternative infrastructure build up, to be implemented through Member States' National Policy Frameworks, including common technical specifications for recharging points for electric vehicles and refuelling points for natural gas (LNG and CNG) and hydrogen, and user information requirements.

**II. WORK WITHIN THE PARLIAMENT**

3. The responsible committee of the European Parliament, the Transport and Tourism Committee (TRAN), has appointed Mr Carlo FIDANZA (EPP, IT) as rapporteur. On 26 November 2013, the TRAN Committee discussed the Commission proposal and adopted a report containing 119 amendments. The European Parliament's Committee on Industry, Research and Energy adopted an opinion on the text on 23 October 2013 (rapporteur: Ms Niki Tzavela, EFD, EL).

### III. WORK WITHIN COUNCIL BODIES

4. The examination of the proposal by the Working Party on Transport Intermodal Questions and Networks (hereinafter "the Working Party") started on 15 February 2013, under the Irish Presidency. After a general presentation by the Commission, the Working Party discussed and evaluated the Commission's impact assessment, in line with the Inter-Institutional Approach to Impact Assessments.<sup>1</sup> Following the debate at the TTE Council on 11 March 2013, the detailed examination of the proposal continued along the line of the views expressed by ministers.
5. At its meeting on 5 December 2013, under the Lithuanian Presidency, the Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council adopted a general approach on the above proposal. The work has continued under the Greek Presidency.
6. The first informal trilogue between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission took place on 17 December 2013, with the second and third informal trilogues taking place on 29 January 2014 and 5 March 2014. During February and March 2014, the Presidency held several technical discussions with the European Parliament and within the Working Party.
7. The last Working Party took place on 10 March 2014 to identify the last compromises necessary to reach a first reading agreement, in view of the upcoming trilogue on 20 March 2014.

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<sup>1</sup> Better Regulation: Inter-Institutional Common Approach to Impact Assessment (IA) 14901/05 JUR 486 COMPET 263.

8. In the last COREPER meeting on 12 March 2014, 25 Member States gave the Greek Presidency the mandate to negotiate with the European Parliament on 20 March 2014, when we expect the fourth and hopefully last trilogue on this Dossier.
9. The Council preparatory bodies have taken due account of the opinions adopted by the European Economic and Social Committee<sup>2</sup> and by the Committee of the Regions<sup>3</sup>.

#### **IV. CONCLUSION**

10. The Council is invited to take note of the information provided on the progress on this proposal.
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<sup>2</sup> OJ C 271, 19.9.2013, p. 111.

<sup>3</sup> OJ C 280, 27.9.2013, p.66.